

MILLIONS FACING FAMINE IN CHINA

Japan's Seizure of Food Supply of Shantung Held Responsible

U. S. HELP IS URGED

Great Stores of Rice Held on Pacific Coast Could Be Sent to Feed Hungry

By THOMAS W. WRIGLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—That appalling famine exists in China as a result of Japan's seizure of the available food supply of Shantung, was the statement today of a group of American financiers and foreign American authority on Chinese relations.

The action of the United States in sending money for the relief of the starving millions rather than the vast surplus of rice now piled up without a market on the Pacific coast, was also severely criticized by Mr. Walker. He said:

"The real cause of the present famine in the Shantung district is the seizure of the food supply of that province by the Japanese. It is not a crop failure as has been reported."

"Japanese agents bought up the food stores last summer. They absolutely gutted the famine district of its food supply in a systematic and well organized plan to strip the district."

All Food Shipped Out

The food was gathered in Japanese warehouses and shipped out of the province over the Japanese railroad to Kiau Chow, former German territory. Japan's object in this, Mr. Walker declared, was to force a great exodus of Chinese from the district and at the present time he said, Japanese agents are everywhere, buying out the starving Chinese, who are forced to sell their land and possessions.

The famine district covers an area the size of the state of Pennsylvania. It is populated by between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 people. Their food is exhausted. Ground bark, husks, chaff and stored tree leaves are being eaten for food and these substitutes will last only a few more weeks. Unless food is sent at once millions will perish, where only thousands are now dying for want of nourishment.

"I have read reports that the famine district is inaccessible and that it is impossible to get food supplies to these starving millions," said Mr. Walker. "This is incorrect. It is in fact easily reached."

There are north to south roads from Peking to Hankow and Peking to Nankin while a cross line extends into the territory as far as Lughai.

The great yellow river runs through the center of the district with its many tributaries extending up into the famine lands."

Rice Supplies on Pacific Coast
Mr. Walker pointed out that in warehouses on the Pacific coast are huge supplies of rice. Millions of bags of the California crop are in storage with no market in this country.

"I suggest that supplies of this rice be purchased, loaded into idle shipping board ships and sent to Peking on the Yangtze river, right in the famine district. There it can be loaded on the railroads and in 24 hours reach the famine sufferers."

Rice, Mr. Walker said, even would be a luxury for the sufferers. Their staple of food is not rice—for that

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expensive—but millet, beans and peas.

If California's surplus rice crop was thus utilized Mr. Walker said, it would not only relieve the famine but also solve a great problem in our country and the funds for relief would work a double good.

A PAIR OF AUTOS STOLEN

New Demonstrator Disappears From Parking Place at Auto Show.

A Buick car belonging to J. J. Thompson, 1316 South Trenton, was stolen about 9 o'clock last night from its parking place near the Elks club, Third and Boulder, according to a report Thompson made to the police about 10 o'clock. Thompson said that when he left the car he locked both the ignition and the doors.

Auto thieves also mingled in the crowd last night at the auto show. At least that is the opinion of the Adams Motor sales company. A new Oakland demonstrator car had been parked in front of the show building about 9 o'clock, was missing two hours later, company officials said. The car, too, had been locked and had only been driven a few hundred miles.

HIGH GROTTO OFFICER COMING

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Dwight F. Cone of Fall River, Mass., grand monarch of the Grotto lodge, will arrive in Tulsa Sunday and will spend several days at the guest of Saba Grotto No. 58. Mr. Cone will inspect the Tulsa order and will make any recommendations which he may think are needed for the good of the order. Social features of the visit of the grand officer, who is accompanied by Mrs. Cone, will be a reception and ball to be held Monday, February 15, at the Kennedy restaurant, when it is expected several hundred "prophecy" and their families will be in attendance. The visitors will remain until the middle of next week.

V. W. WORKER IS BUSY HERE

Miss Anna V. Rice Speaks Again Today Subject Is "Social Progress."

Miss Anna V. Rice, national religious secretary of the Y. W. C. A., who arrived in Tulsa last Friday for the purpose of giving a series of talks to women on the "Teachings of Jesus" and "Social Progress," has been busy every hour since her arrival with lectures and conferences. Miss Rice's talks have been said to be intensely practical, appealing especially to the women of the business world. Miss Rice will speak today at 3:30 p. m. and 7 p. m., taking for her subjects "The Discovery of Christ in the Gospel" and "Social Progress."

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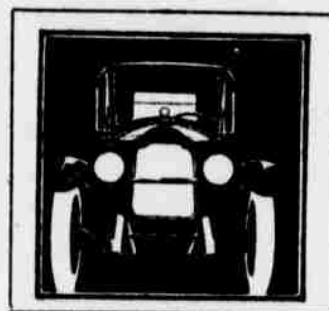
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